STATEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): Madam, I beg to announce that the Government Business in this House for the week commencing 3rd March, 2003 will consist of:-

I. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's order paper.

II. Reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address.

III. General Discussion on the Railway Budget for 2003-2004.

IV. Considering and return of the Appropriation Bill relating to the following Demands after these have been passed by Lok Sabha.

a. Demands for Grants on Account (Railways), for 2003-2004

b. Supplementary Demands for Grants (Railways), 2002-2003

c. Demands for Excess Grants (Railways), 2000-2001

V. Discussion on Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration in CA Reference No. 02/91 for grant of special pay to Private Secretaries (merged grades 'A' and 'B' of CSSS)

VI. Discussion on Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration in CA Reference No. 11/92 for upward revision of pay scale from Rs. 1200-2040 to 1400-2600 (pre-revised) in the Stenographers Grade 'D' in CSSS.

VII. Discussion on Resolution seeking approval to the rejection of the Award of Board of Arbitration on OTA as required under the JCM Scheme.

VIII. Considering and passing of the Central Vigilance Commission Bill, 2003 as passed by Lok Sabha.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Need to include Tulu Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

SHRI K.B.KRISHNA MURTHY (Karnataka): The coastal region of Karnataka has contributed a lot to our nation in terms of culture, history and trading. Dakshin Kannada is a district of Karnataka; and Mangalore is the port city. From centuries, this district has contributed its bit for the shipping industry. The Dakshin Kannada region is the home of 60 lakh Tulu-speaking people. This Special Mention pertains to the Tulu language, which is spoken by the people in Dakshin Kannada and Udupi districts. Tulu language is an ancient language and belongs to the Dravidian family and has a legacy of rich culture and heritage. The language has an ancient script which has not been in use for a long time due to the advent of Kannada and English. Great linguists have considered Tulu as a highly-developed language with a rich vocabulary. It is our fundamental duty to propagate our art and culture to the future generations by creating a circumstance that will not lead to its antiquity. In the case of Tulu, it is a language which has been developed by centuries of usages, folklores and customs and thereafter became a language. Considering the fact that preserving the art and culture is a Directive Principle of the State Policy, it is incumbent upon the State to place this language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, thereby facilitating its development and revival.

I request the Government to take note of my observation and do the needful. Thank you.

SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY (Karnataka): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri K.B.Krishna Murthy.

MISS MABEL REBELLO (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri K.B.Krishna Murthy.

SHRI K.RAHMAN KHAN (Karnataka): Sir, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Shri K.B.Krishna Murthy.